

of state government above what they are now because there is nothing written in there for the increase. Now if we are going to increase total spending on the state 7%, and that is what we have done, we are going to meet it right down the line on this appropriations and going to use all of that 7% on state money, I suggest that we use half of it like the people want, like we are trying to be honest with ourselves and with the people of this state and use 7% to increase the subdivisions of government. I move for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I rise to oppose. First on the basis, legally there is no way to appropriate money in the intent bill so the adoption of the amendment would have no impact. Secondly, I believe that I heard Senator Keyes state budget per se only got a third of the increase of the various appropriations and aid expansion is already 2/3rd of the available increase this year. But I would urge you to vote against the motion as it legally can have no impact.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. Just to quickly reiterate that we have already given 2/3rds of the increase and Senator Keyes was incorrect in his statement that we had not increased our aid to local subdivisions because there has been an increase. If he has looked at all of the figures then he should be aware of this. I urge you to vote against returning this bill for this purpose.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion before the House is to return LB 596 to Select File for specific amendment. Senator Keyes, do you wish to close?

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, just so Senator Marsh doesn't misunderstand, the money that you have sent to the subdivisions of government is money that is according to law, according to statutes, that is the personal property tax exemption, the money for schools, special education, homestead exemption and all of those. But we have not given a percentage increase to anyone of them to off set the 7% that we gave on the mandatory where they can raise the total budget by 7%. I just....introduced this to show you that we are not being fair, not telling exactly what is happening across this state. We are not being fair to the people of this state. We are saying that we are holding our budget on the state level within 7% but we are not. We are not. I had the figures the other day but I have lost them today